

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending. Claim 44 is being added. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 17, 18, 19, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34, are being amended. Claims 30, 31, and 40 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. The specification is being amended. Figure 7 is being added. No new matter is being added.

Claim 19 is being amended to correct an informality.

Claims 4, 5, 8-10, 17, 31, 32, and 40 have been indicated as allowable. Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowability of these claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is being amended to add limitations of pending claims 2 and 4. Claim 8 is being amended to add limitations of pending claim 1. Claim 17 is being amended to add limitations of pending claim 1. Claim 29 is being amended to add limitations of pending claims 30 and 31. Claim 32 is being amended to add limitations of pending claims 29 and 30.

The drawings stand objected to in that they do not show the differences in gate dielectric thicknesses of the first and the second transistors in claim 27. Accordingly, Figure 7 is being added. Support for newly added Figure 7 may be found in at least paragraph 0050 and Figure 1 as filed. Also, paragraph 0050 is being amended accordingly. Because these amendments are supported by the application as filed, they do not constitute new matter.

Claims 13-16, 18, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph in section 3 of the Office Action. In section 3 of the Office Action, it states that in claims 13-16, "it is not clearly understood of the connection arrangements for each of the claims."

Regarding the rejections of claims 13-16, Applicants direct the Examiner to Figure 3 and Paragraph 0029 as one portion of the specification providing an explanation of these claims.

Regarding the rejections of claims 18 and 33, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to Figure 5 and to paragraph 0041 of the specification. These claims are being amended to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they depend, and accordingly, should be allowable.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 22-26, 28-30, 34-37, 39, and 41-43 stand rejection as being anticipated by Rosen, U.S. Pat. No. 6,822,479 (Rosen). Claims 11 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen in view of Applicants admitted prior art.

Claim 27 has been amended to incorporate limitations of claim 1, the claim from which it depends. Rosen does not disclose or suggest wherein the first transistor has a gate dielectric of a different thickness than a gate dielectric of the second transistor.

The Office Action does not identify where this limitation is taught in Rosen. If this rejection is to be maintained. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner explicitly point out where in Rosen such a limitation is taught.

Claim 28 has been amended to incorporate limitations of claim 1, the claim from which it depends. Rosen does not disclose or suggest the first transistor has a strength different from a strength of the second transistor by at least a predetermined amount.

For example, Rosen does not disclose in Figure 2 where transistor 224 has a different strength than transistor 234. Nor does Rosen disclose where transistor 226 has a different strength than transistor 236. Accordingly, claim 28 is allowable over Rosen.

Each dependent claim in this application depends from an independent claim and is therefore allowable for at least this reason.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

If Applicants have overlooked any additional fees, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit or debit Deposit Account 503079, Freescale Semiconductor, Inc..

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Figures

Please add Figure 7 as per the attached sheet.